

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

Executive Committee
Sunday, February 3, 1968
11:00 a.m.
The Welfare Federation
Room 102
125 Crawford Place
Hoboken, New Jersey

- PRESIDENT Miss Rose Donavan representing the Grace Malone, Peter V.R. Schuyler, Jr., Rosinege Joseph Deeling, Irving Rosenberg, Miss Hilda Ridsig, Robert Jonathan J. Prina, Mrs. Ceil Arches, J. Thomas Flagg, Alton Smith, Cyril D. Tyson, George C. Richardson, Timothy Still, G. Willard Beckel.
- Wm. George Deeling, Vice President, opened the meeting.
- PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting which had been sent by mail were approved or voted.
- RELATING TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES It was regularly moved and seconded that the minutes of the Executive Committee should not be sent to the Board of Trustees. In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that the Board of Trustees were the supreme body of the United Community Corporation and that therefore, they should get the minutes of the Executive Committee. It was also stated that they had the power to overrule the Executive Committee. *or already*
- Miller stage, was pointed out that some members of the Board of Trustees were certain about copies of the Executive Committee minutes to newspaper reporters and discussed a which should be privileged as being used to attack the Corporation.
- In their suggestion was that the minutes of the Executive Committee as will not be sent to the Board of Trustees until the Executive Committee had a chance to approve or disapprove them.
- RESOLUTIONS It was moved and properly seconded that the minutes should not be sent to the Trustees until they were approved by the Executive Committee. This motion was passed by a majority vote, understanding that the substance of the discussion is to be included in the minutes and individual action.
- COMMITTEE REPORTS Mrs. Arches announced that the Community Action Committee is to start work on the Neighborhood Drama WorkC now at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 11 at the Board of Education.

In the discussion which followed it was felt that such Community Action meetings should take place in the neighborhood rather than in the Board of Education.

Both Prina offered to lend a list cards with the names of the Community Action Committee and Mr. Still offered to arrange for a meeting place so that the meeting could be changed from the Board of Education. This was accepted by all members present.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR:

Mr. Tyson reported that the space developed by the "Committee for finding office space" at 12th Branford Place was adequate for temporary headquarters. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the "Office Space Committee" would be authorized to lease the space at 12th Branford Place, up to 2,500 square feet for one year with an option to renew at no more than \$1.50 per square foot.

Mr. Tyson read a letter from the Governor approving our application which is attached to and becomes a part of the original minutes of this meeting. He read a telegram addressed to Mayor Addonizio from Mr. Bayard Rustin which is also attached to and becomes a part of the original minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Tyson reported that he would have progress with regard to personnel whom we can hire on February 15.

REPORT ON
COORDINATION
OF ANTI-POVERTY
PROGRAM:

Mr. Tyson made the following report: "It is increasingly clear that if the City of Newark is to have a meaningful Anti-Poverty Program, a clearly defined coordinating process must be instituted and implemented.

"As the Poverty Act is presently formulated, funds for programs in the area of Community Action will come through the United Community Corporation. Funds relating to Welfare Assistance Programs under Title V of the Act will come to Newark via Department of Health, Education & Welfare into Municipal welfare agencies. Funds for Work-Training Programs will come through the Labor Department directly to agencies requesting such grants, but can also come to the United Community Corporation if agencies submit proposals to the Corporation. There are other sources of funds in the Federal government, which can be utilized to attack poverty, exclusive of monies available through the Economic Opportunity Act and can be secured by public and private agencies, i.e., MDTA, NJMII, and SBA. Therefore, it is imperative, if there is to be meaningful coordination, that a vehicle be created which would insure that whether an agency, organization, or City Department receives money through the Corporation or not, the Mayor will have a coordinated Anti-Poverty Program.

"I am recommending, therefore, that the United Community Corporation request that the Mayor appoint a coordinating committee composed of Louis Danzig, Executive Director, Newark Housing Authority; Dr. Edward F. Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Grace Malone, Director of Welfare, City of Newark; Dr. J. Thomas Flagg, Project Director, Neighborhood Youth Corps; Ralph T. Geller, District Supervisor, New Jersey State Employment Service; Peter V.R. Schuyler, Jr., Executive Director, Welfare Federation of Newark; and myself, as Chairman, to meet on a regular basis to coordinate the various efforts in the war on poverty and to give periodic progress reports to the Mayor."

Motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to adopt the Coordination proposal of Mr. Tyson.

ALL DAY MEETING: Mr. Rosenberg moved that we have an all day meeting next Monday, February 15 so that more time could be spent on the pressing problems of the Corporation. This motion was seconded but was not passed when voted upon.

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affairs of.

MOVED IN
FEBRUARY 22:

Mr. Ball moved that a lengthy conference be held on February 22 including luncheon. This motion was properly seconded and voted.

BILLS:

Mr. Heckel reported on the following bills which were authorized to be paid by unanimous vote:

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| Kelly Girl Service, Inc. (Secretarial Services) | 1/22/65 | \$117.00 |
| National Catholic Community Service (War on Poverty handbook) | 1/27/65 | 1.00 |
| Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York (HIP) (Premium for 1/1/65-12/31/65) | 1/1/65 | 171.00 |
| Welfare Federation of Newark (Annual Meeting of Welfare Federation-Luncheon, one reservation) | | 2.50 |
| TOTAL | | \$ 291.50 |

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the meeting it adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter V. R. Schuyler, Jr.,
Secretary